

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all previous versions of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving throughput in a wireless local area (WLAN), the method comprising the steps of:
 - buffering a set of messages;
 - identifying a target address for the set of messages; and
 - concatenating the set of messages based on the target address,
wherein the step of concatenating comprises the steps of:
 - (a) eliminating a sync interval;
 - (b) preserving a message header;
 - (c) transmitting a subsequent message;
 - (d) transmitting the message header; and
 - (e) repeating steps (a) through (d), until a last subsequent message in the set of messages have been sent.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~1 wherein the step of preserving further comprises the step of preserving a start of frame delimiter (SFD) and transmitting the SFD.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is identified as a MAC protocol data unit (MPDU) type message.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is identified as a PLCP protocol data unit (PPDU) type message.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as an unicast type address.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as a broadcast type address.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as a multicast type address.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as an unicast type address, a broadcast type address and a multicast type address.
- 10-13. (Cancelled)